

Attorney's Docket No.: 14083-004002

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

The objection to Claim 27 has been obviated by adding the article "a".

Claims 17-19 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. The antecedent basis issue in Claim 17 has been corrected herein by amendment.

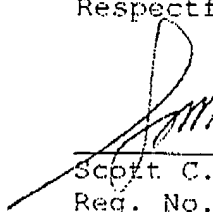
Numerous claims stand rejected under obviousness-type double patenting based on US patent numbers 6,530,268 and 6,612,160. A request for interference with these two patents is concurrently filed herewith, which should obviate the double patenting issue.

A notice on the merits is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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